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TWO SUSPECTS ARRESTED FOR STREET ROBBERY

The Westminster Police Department, Criminal Investigation Bureau is currently investigating a street robbery that occurred on Tuesday, January 25, 2011 at 4:35 p.m. The robbery occurred in the vicinity of the Mid City Apartments on S. Center St.

A local resident was walking home and was in the process of looking into his wallet for some paperwork when he observed a black male subject wearing a blue flannel shirt and dark colored knit type hat following him.

The black male approached the victim and knocked the wallet from his hands and then picked up the wallet and ran towards Lincoln Rd. The victim gave chase and the suspect lost his footing and fell to the ground. The victim and the suspect became engaged in a struggle during which time two other black male subjects entered the struggle and began kicking the victim about the face and body. During the assault, a handgun fell onto the ground.

The initial suspect picked up the handgun and victim's wallet and ran towards Lincoln Rd. The other two suspects entered a maroon color Cadillac, picked up the initial suspect and all three fled west on E. Green St.

Within minutes, the suspect vehicle was observed and stopped by a Patrol officer with the Westminster Police Department at Bond St. and W. Main St. At this time the vehicle was only occupied by two suspects. The victim was brought to the scene of the stop and positively identified the two occupants of the Cadillac as the individuals who assaulted him after the initial confrontation with the first suspect.

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The following subjects were arrested:

Elijah Mason, b/m, 21 years of age
Sancho Spriggs, b/m, 19 years of age.

Mr. Mason and Mr. Spriggs are brothers and both reside in the unit block of Sullivan Ave. in Westminster.

Both are charged with Robbery, Theft less than \$1000.00 and Second Degree Assault. Initial bond for each arrestee was \$30,000.00 and they were incarcerated in the Carroll County Detention Center. Both suspects posted bond on January 26, 2011 and have been released pending trial.

The victim in this incident received cuts and abrasions to the facial area and was treated and released by fire department personnel.

The initial suspect remains at large and is described as a b/m, medium skin complexion, unknown age, last seen wearing a blue flannel shirt and dark colored knit hat.

Citizens who may have witnessed this incident or who have information as to the identity of the remaining suspect are asked to contact the Westminster Police Department at (410) 848-4646, send a confidential text to 847411, keyword TIPWPD or contact the TIPS line at (410) 857-8477.

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